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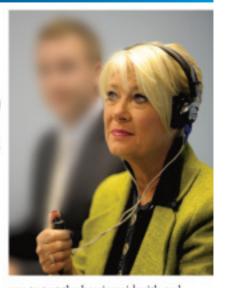
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Victim's family cry out 'yes' as killer is told he faces at least 15 years in jail for stabbing of his partner, aged 40



Tesco denies its expansion would hit Northampton town centre and the Grosvenor Centre (more on this on page 5)



Four in 10 Northamptonshire **Police officers** could be out of pocket after a review of overtime and bonuses



Long jail terms for the high-level drug barons

PRISON sentences totalling nearly 100 years have been handed down to a drugs gang responsible for the largest ever seizure in Northampton-

The discovery of seven kilos of cocaine on a county-bound lorry at Ramsgate docks, in Kent, led to police raids on two properties in the county at Mawsley and Kettering.

More kilos of cocaine, cannabis, and amphetamines – worth almost £4 million – were found along with a vacuum-packing machine and cutting agents.

At Northampton Crown Court this week, Judge Richard Bray sentenced the five gang members after a threeweek trial, telling them they were responsible for an organised and international conspiracy to purchase, import and distribute large quantities of high-purity drugs.

He said: "It is rare for the police to

arrest dealers so high up the chain

as yourselves.
"When this happens, the courts have a duty to pass severe deterrent sentences to reflect the harm caused by the distribution of drugs and to serve as a warning to others.

Ringleader Amit Kotecha, aged 32, who was the only defendant to plead guilty and was jailed for 18 years, was arrested with his younger brother Ravi, aged 37, when police raided the home they shared in Chambers Hill, Mawsley, on November 4, 2009.



Kumar Kakkad



Ravi Kotecha







Amit Kotecha



Rohit Suvania



Viktor Masimov

Ravi Kotecha was sentenced to 21 years, having been convicted by the

Their arrests were prompted by Viktor Maksimov, a 55-year-old Lithuanian-Russian lorry driver, who was arrested entering the UK with a consignment of cocaine,

which he claimed was soap.

Judge Bray jailed him for 15 years, adding: "You tried to deceive the jury with a ridiculous story."

The address in Cambium Close, Kettering, was also raided and officers discovered another seven kilos of cocaine, 68 kilos of cannabis, amphetamine, thousands of tablets and a large quantity of benzocaine used to cut the cocaine.

Freshkumar Kakkad, aged 46, and Rohit Suvania, aged 31, were linked to the property where the drugs were

They were then transported to Mawsley to be cut, processed and repackaged, before being returned to Cambium Close for onward distribu-

The pair denied involvement but were also convicted. Kakkad was jailed for 21 years while Suvania received 18 years' imprisonment.

Det Sgt Alison Tall, of Northamptonshire Police's Organised Crime Unit, said: "This was a very significant drugs operation and we are delighted with the substantial sentences.

"These offenders were trafficking drugs at a very high level and the drugs seizure is the highest in the county from which successful prosecutions have arisen.

"Forensic examination of the cocaine indicated it was between 75 per

cent and 86 per cent purity.
"The offenders had extravagant lifestyles with expensive homes, cars and holidays, all purchased from income which derived from criminal-

 $Independent\, drugs\, expert, Stephen$ Holme, said: "It is no exaggeration to describe the seizure of such a large quantity of controlled class A and class B drugs as a 'drugs supermar-

ket'.
"If you consider the purity, packaging and markings on the one kilo blocks of cocaine, it represents the highest-ever level of drug supply in the UK, as all these factors indicate direct contact to the source of im-

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SUPERMARKET giant Tesco has waded into a war of words with the owners of the Grosvenor Centre, claiming outof-town developments will not harm Northampton town centre, while warning the long-delayed expansion of the centre could.

Legal & General (L&G), which bought the Grosvenor Centre in 1999, revealed plans to expand it in 2000. The expansion was due to be completed by 2005, but to date, no work has begun on site and the latest timetable for the scheme suggests it will not be completed until 2017.

Despite this, L&G has warned against the development of out-of-town shopping schemes, including Tesco's planned expansion at Mereway and moves to convert the former Royal Mail sorting office in Barrack Road into a supermar ket, claiming they could "make it increasingly difficult to secure an anchor tenant for the Grosvenor Centre scheme'

But hitting back, Tesco has sent a 32-page would not affect business at the Grosvenor Centre in study of the town centre to every member of Northampton Northampton Borough Council, claiming the argument that an expanded Tesco at Mereway could harm the redevelopment of the Grosvenor Centre was "hollow"

The firm's study said: "In our judgement no retailer that L&G would aspire to attract would be deterred from the Grosvenor extension by an extended Tesco at Mereway."

The firm also claimed a large new supermarket would be inappropriate for the expanded Grosvenor Centre

It added: "The Grosvenor extension does not need a major food store, either to generate footfall or to

We firmly believe that, if the existing supermarket has to be taken out. L&G should stick with

a supermarket of similar size to the present Sains-

Tesco insists that developing its store at Mereway

The Tesco report also claimed its planned out-oftown expansions would not damage other similar retailers in the town centre, including Marks & Spencer, Sainsbury's and Iceland.

Discussing the stores it believed could be interested in moving into an expanded Grosvenor Centre, the supermarket giant added: "Expansion at Mereway would not influence retailers like Next, Zara, Modelzone or Lakeland in a decision on whether or not to take space in the Grosvenor Centre.

Nor would it have any bearing on decisions by Debenhams or Primark to commit to or reject the anchor store opportunities.

Store: Don't try

Store Wars:

Tesco hits

sion of the Grosvenor Centre, while much needed to improve Northampton, could initially cause problems for the town

The owners of the Grosvenor Centre, Legal & General, said the town mall could be redevel-

But in a 32-page document looking at the health of the town centre, Tesco warned: "Adding over 300,000 sq ft of retail floor space carries real

"It's essential to ensure the extended Grosvenor Centre

does not end up being 'Northampton town centre', virtually everything else relegated to 'also-ran' status.

"Northampton is not and cannot become a smaller version of Milton Keynes, nor should it aspire to be that.

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The race again saw huge numbers of people lace up their running shoes for good causes, while others warmed up for the Virgin London Marathon.

Among the 6,353 runners

who finished the 13-mile run around the world famous Northamptonshire racetrack was Nick Claringbold, aged 22, from Great Billing.

Nick was running to raise money for the Warwickshire and Northamptonshire Air Ambulance in memory of his

Mr Claringbold, a refuse collector from Northampton, was found dead in his lorry with severe head injuries while collecting waste from outside a pub in November.

He was airlifted to hospital by the air ambulance but sadly died

Also running were 16 sol-diers from the 118 Recovery Company of the Territorial Army, based in Clare Street, Northampton.

Mark Heycock said: "We were running for ABF The Soldiers' Charity, trying to raise £4,000 between us as a team. It is our chosen charity so everything we do goes to it.

"It has been good, it was a bit cold but we soon warmed

up."
The winner of the men's race was Andi Jones in 1h 8m 27s while Kirsty Gallagher triumphed in the women's race in a time of 1h 23m 20s.

Twenty-seven wheelchair competitors also started the race, with Simon Lawson winning the men's race and Nikki Emerson winning the wom-

Among the celebrities to finish were Katie Price,

completed the in 2h 59m 54s, and Ricky Wilson, lead singer of Kaiser Chiefs, who finished in 1h

Katie Price said: "I think that it's all about the taking part, not about the place you finish in, and especially raising money for the charity of choice. It shows that it doesn't matter what shape, size or age you are, it's always a great personal achievement. Everyone who took part today was amazing, and I will wear my finish medal with pride."

A team of runners, in training for the 2011 Virgin London Marathon, where they will be going for a Guinness World Record for the most runners joined together to finish a marathon, also made it round the race.

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Couple found dead



THE bodies of a husband and wife, both aged in their 60s, have been found by police at a house in Northampton.

Officers from Northamp-tonshire Police broke into the house of Mick and Mary Cowley, in Kinross Close, Spinney Hill (pictured), after the couple had not been seen for about three weeks.

The couple were found in their bedroom. Police believe Mrs Cowley may have died of a heart attack, and it is thought a distraught Mr Cowley may then have taken his own life.

One neighbour said: "They were a lovely couple, very quiet and often went on holiday so we thought nothing of not see-

ing them for a while.
"It was such a shock when we found out what had happened."

Another woman said: "They were very quiet and even on this small close nobody knew much about them.

"Because of that they were very insular and depended on one another. I suppose Mick felt it was too difficult for him to cope without Mary. It's a real tragedy."

Police were first alerted

when Mrs Cowley, who was receiving chemotherapy, missed two appointments at North-ampton General Hospital.

They broke into the property last Friday afternoon after neighbours became con-



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Nenedoc had been paid by NHS Northamptonshire to provide the out-of-hours doctors' service, including that at the Northampton General Hospital site, but had attracted negative headlines.

The Chron revealed in November that the out-of-hours GP contract would be re-tendered because Nenedoc was haemorrhaging tens of thousands of pounds each month.

Failings in the out-of-hours GP service in 2008 was also cited as a major reason why NHS Northamptonshire did poorly in a national accident and emergency audit.

South East Health Ltd (SEHL), a not-for-profit social enterprise primary care provider, based in Kent, has been selected as the new provider after input from local GPs.

An NHS Northamptonshire spokeswoman said: "Local GPs will be invited to be part of the service, and the staff who are currently employed in the out-of-



Nenedoc operates a triage system in Northampton, Daventry and Kettering

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hours service will be able to transfor their employment

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"NHS Northamptonshire is committed to the continuation of a high-quality service, and would like to reassure patients that this change of provider will not affect the continued delivery of out-of-hours GP services in Northamptonshire.

"Patients will see no change

to the out-of-hours service in the county.

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Buffer Zone, known as the "Green Line", and keeping a watchful eye on the opposing Greek and Turkish Forces who have been at a stalemate

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More to see at battle site

A WHOLE new section of the Battle of Naseby site in Northamptonshire is due to be opened up to visitors, revealing details about both the historic battle which took place there in 1645 and the area's rich wildlife.

The Naseby Battlefield Project has been awarded £30,700 by the Heritage Lottery Fund for a series of works which will transform access to the county battlefield.

A series of new viewing platforms will be created on the western side of the battlefield along with panels telling visitors how parliament's New Model Army destroyed the forces of King Charles I.

Information will also be provided on the natural heritage of the ponds and ancient hedgerows around the site.

Historian, Martin Marix Evans, who is part of the team working to build a visitor centre at Naseby, said: "For some visitors to Naseby, especially schoolchildren it's a real novelty. They can see sheep grazing, buzzards circling, deer running and meadow wildflowers in their natural setting, perhaps for the first time.

"Also, the battlefield enthusiasts are often with family members with interests in wildlife. These, and a host of other observations, have made it clear the battlefield offers a wider opportunity than historical study

As part of the latest project, The Naseby Battlefield Group will also work with landowners Bill and Jenny Tarry who are

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granting access for the first time to Sulby Hedges, the place where Colonel John Okey set the battle of June 14, 1645, in motion by opening fire on the Royalist cavalry

Ten new volunteer guides will also be recruited and trained to provide tours of the battlefield.

Emma Sayer, from the Heritage Lottery Fund, said: "Naseby is recognised as the most significant battle of the English Civil War, and 12,000 people visit the site each year. This project will transform access.'



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THE opening of a new base for social entrepreneurs has been hailed as a "textbook example" of the Big Society by the Conservative MP for Northampton North, Michael Ellis.

The town MP officially opened the William Shipley Centre, a joint venture between furniture firm, Goodwill Solutions and The University of Northampton, in the Brackmills industrial estate on Friday.

The centre will provide work and meeting space for anybody in the county who is planning to open a socially-minded business or is in the early stages of launching one.

Mr Ellis said: "This is almost a textbook example of the Big Society at work.

"And I think this is an absolutely excellent enterprise.

"It shows the value of partnership between business and academia and it is filling an important gap.

"It is perfectly possible for social enterprises to compete against private enterprise but also produce a social benefit at the same time."

The managing director of Goodwill Solutions, Mike Britton, who came up with the idea for the social enterprise centre, said: "This is not about politics. "The Big Society idea is a good one which is already established in communities such as ours, but there's more that can be done to help private and public companies to work

with social enterprises."
Professor Simon Denny,
who has led The University of Northampton's promotion of social enterprise, said the new centre would provide a benefit to the Northampton community as well as students at the university, with plans to include a social enterprise scheme in every degree course. He said: "We believe the uni-

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A FATHER of twin girls has expressed his dismay after they were placed in two different Northampton secondary schools, nearly six miles apart.

Ismael Ali, put down Northampton School for Girls (NSG) as the first choice for both his daughters Selma and Zahrah, but found out last week that one of them had been successful while the other had been placed at The Duston School.

He said: "The have spent their whole lives together and they don't want to be split up. They are both really upset.

"I don't know why one has got in and the other hasn't, but I'm going to appeal.'

A spokesman for Northamptonshire County Council said: The family chose a school that uses a random allocation system when it receives more applications than the number of places available.

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ter this situation. "However, it is our policy not to separate twins so we advise the family to submit an

appeal.

"While we can't instruct the appeal panel on any particular course of action because it is an independent process, we will make the case for the family and strongly advise that the panel places the girls in the same school.

"The panel has upheld all previous appeals involving

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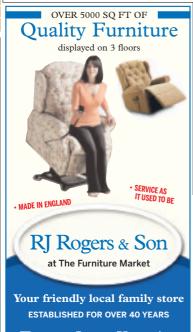
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Pupils from primary and secondary schools took part in the South Northamptonshire Inter-Schools Strictly Latin and Ballroom Dance Event on Saturday.

The event, organised with the South Northants and Daventry School Sports Partnership, involved six weeks of tuition from Step by Step Dance School founder and international dance champion, Andrzej Mialkowski, his dance partner Julie Galea, and dance teacher,

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The pupils, from 14 schools, finally pulled on their sequined outfits and danced before a panel of judges and delighted audiences in two competitions, held at Roade Sports College.

In both sessions teams of youngsters danced for points, giving thrilling performances of the jive, the waltz and the cha cha cha.

The winning dancers from the first session came from Blakesley Primary, while some impressive dancing by pupils from Caroline Chisholm School scooped first place in the second session.

Nine-year-old Grady Nightingale, from Blakesley School, said the cha-cha-cha had been his favourite dance.

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He said: "I never thought I would do it.
It felt amazing. It was so exciting."
Emily Cramb, aged 10, added: "At first

Emily Cramb, aged 10, added: "At first it was quite scary because so many people were watching but I got into it and it was really fun in the end."

Dance staff at the Step By Step dance school, based in Henry Street, Northampton, taught around 500 youngsters across Northampton, giving them one hour of dance tuition every week.

Viv Rhymes, from Step By Step, said: "I couldn't believe some that these young-sters, particularly the boys, had taken this on and really thrown themselves into it.

"To see them all dressed up for the occasion was lovely and the standard was very high.
"For me to see them dance like that

"For me to see them dance like that and to enjoy it gave me goosebumps, they did phenomenally well."



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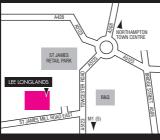
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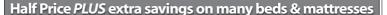




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A MOTHER-OF-TWO has won a battle for compensation after her dream holiday turned into a nightmare.

Lesley Carpenter, aged 52, from Duston went on holiday to Bulgaria five years ago with her daughter Emma, now 26, and son Oliver, now 21.

While the Northampton family were in the four-star Riu Miramar Hotel, heavy rain caused flooding and the premises became soaked with murky water.

Ms Carpenter said: "Brown sludgy mess covered the outside of the hotel and downstairs and things were crawling in it. It was horrific." However she said it was the events that followed which caused her the most distress when the family were moved to another hotel only to be moved back to the Riu Miramar a couple of days later. She said: "We were told every-

thing had been cleared up which seemed hard to believe because we'd seen the damage, but we trusted the reps. However when we arrived back furniture and mattresses were outside drying, the place was still covered in sewage and it stunk, but we weren't given any choice. We had to stay."

Ms Carpenter said both her son and daughter suffered from diarrhoea and sickness during their



Lesley Carpenter has won compensation after a holiday from hell in

She added: "What happened with the rain was an act of God

but it was complete chaos. "The travel representatives were no help.

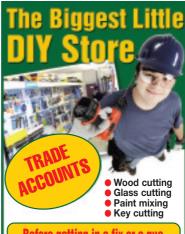
"It was very stressful. It wasn't a holiday at all."

Ms Carpenter is one of more than 100 British tourists who have won a court battle against tour operator Thomson, which is a subsidiary of TUI UK Ltd. A judge confirmed the travel giant was responsible for their

suffering, and Thomson, which had denied liability and fought the case for almost five years, accepted liability to compensate holidaymakers on February 25, hours before a two-week trial was due to start at Birmingham County Court.

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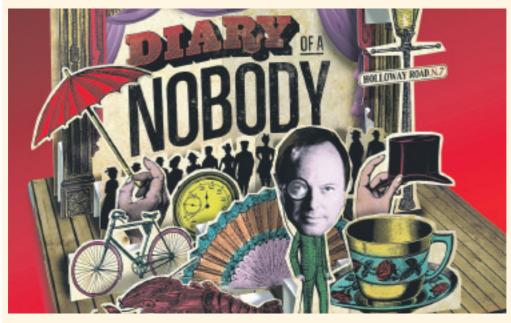
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He has one night, three actors and an empty stage to impact dubious anecdotes from his humdrum existence to anyone who will listen. Charles may be overly uppity and terribly hoity-toity, but his relentless stream of toe-curling social gaffes makes it impossible not to

warm to him.

The play has been adapted from George and Weedon Grossmith's comedy of manners and sees four men uproariously recreate the trials and tribulations of Pooter's monotonous marriage and daily grind in Victorian London, resulting in an energetic night at the

As well as Robert Dawes the cast features Steven Blakeley, best known for his role as Pc Geoff Younger in Heartbeat. Gary Sefton returns to direct, following last year's production of Travels With My Aunt. Diary of a Nobody takes place until March 19, with tickets priced from £27 to £12.

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BEDLAM Breakout returns to the Road-mender in Northamp ton this weekend. The regular rockabilly weekender will feature sets by Guana Batz, Frenzy, Restless, Bang Bang Bazooka, The Hangmen, Monster Klub, Frantic Vermin, Black Kat Boopers, 6 Feed Down, Epileptic Hillbillys, Voodoo Bones, Smoking Lucifers and Killing Seymour. The Guana Batz (pictured) were part of a British wave of psychobilly that sprang up in the early 1980s around the same time that bands like the Cramps were gaining underground prominence in America. The group was formed in Middlesex with a line-up fea-turing vocalist Pip Hancox, guitarist Stuart Osbourne, bassist Mick White and drummer Dave

Turner. Playing hopped-up rockabilly with the speed and aggression of punk rock, the Guana Batz fit nicely into the British psychobilly scene epitomised by the likes of Meteors and the Stingrays



They released their debut EP, You're So Fine, in 1983 and first full-length album Held Down . . . At Last, in 1985

They continue to be a major force in the second wave of the psychobilly scene. Frenzy were formed in 1983 by Steve Whitehouse and went on to be one of the

premier 1980s neorockabilly/psychobilly bands of the era.

The bands will play across Friday, March 11 and Saturday, March 12 at the Northampton venue. Tickets for Friday cost £15 in advance or £17 on the door.

Tickets for Saturday, cost

£20 in advance or £22.50 on the door. Weekend tickets cost £35.

On Friday, doors open at 7pm and on Saturday, doors open at 1.30pm with bands beginning at 2pm.
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Blisworth: Box Eddy pop/rock, the Wal-

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Brafield: Robbie Allen, vocalist, WMC,

Bedford Road (A428), 8pm.

Great Doddington: The Whatevers, Gt Doddington Club, Lower Street.

Kettering: Brass Band Concert by the Household Troops Band of the Salvation Army, at the Salvation Army, Rockingham Road, 7pm; £5 on the door.

Northampton: Blizzard of Oz, King Billy,

bottom of Bridge Street.

Northampton: Cloud Nine, 60s-current rock /covers band, The Rover, Weedon

Northampton: The Abrahams, The Lamplighter, Overstone Road, 9pm.

Northampton: Laura Lou (vocalist), St

James WMC, Weedon Road. Northampton: Wales v Ireland rugby

followed by Donnybrook fair, Swan and Helmet, Clare Street. **Northampton**: Bobby Daniels, North-

ampton WMC, Sheep Street.

Northampton: Pete Wayre, British Rail Club. St Andrew's Road.

Northampton: Kim Robinson, Monks Park WMC, Wellingborough Road.

Northampton: Cassidy Showband (concert room), adm £5; Red Thunder (in the bar), Kingsley Park WMC.

Towcester: Maple Leaf country music club presents Katie Rhodes, at Towcester Football Supporters Club, Islington Road, 8.15pm. Adm £5. 01327 351539.

THEATRE

Corby: Jenny Eclair, the Core at Corby Cube, 7.30pm. Box office 01536 470470. Northampton: Looking Glass Theatre presents What the Dickens! at Abington

Park Museum, 2pm. Tickets £5 on 07711 540546

Northampton: *Diary of a Nobody*, Royal stage, 2.30pm and 7.45pm. Box office Northampton 624811.

Northampton: Mary Wilson of The Supremes. Derngate stage, 8pm. Box office Northampton 624811.

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Christchurch Hall, Christchurch Road. 10am-noon. Northampton: Book and puzzle sale, St

Francis's Church, Eastfield Road, Duston, 10am-noon. Stoke Bruerne: Jumble sale and table top

sale, village hall, 2pm; raffle and teas. Upton: WI table top sale, Upton Meadows Primary School; set-up at 10am; sale 10.30am-1.30pm. Tables £5 on Northampton 453752 or 07792 847759.

OTHER

Northampton: Social evening with ballroom dancing, Holy Sepulchre Church Hall, Sheep Street, 8pm-11pm; adm £3. Northampton: The Tyranny of Grammar: A festival springing from John Clare; Talk To Us, Not About Us – Adam Burton exhibition, discussions, films and texts, 10am-6pm; Letterhead Printing workshop, 1pm-5pm; The Salon of the Vernacular paintings and work on paper by John Strutton, 10am-6pm; In the Nook - Carry Ackroyd, prints by the John Clare Society artist, 10am-6pm, Fishmarket Gallery,

SUNDAY

Blisworth: Jazzin' Around with Dave Rance's Rocking Chair Band, the Walnut Tree, Station Road, noon-2.30pm; adm

Brafield: Alan Black, organ/vocals, WMC, Bedford Road (A428), 7.30pm.

Northampton: NMPAS Wind Band, Derngate stage, 7.30pm. Box office Northampton 624811.

Northampton: Paul Robinson (Elvis tribute), 2pm-5pm. British Rail Club, St Andrew's Road.

Northampton: The Rambler, Swan and Helmet Irish Bar, Clare Street, ,7pm.

Northampton: Reservoir Frogs, Spread Eagle, Wellingborough Road, 5.30pm-8.30pm.

Northampton: Sammy Lines, Kingsley Park WMC, Kingsley Park Terrace.

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Evenley: Looking Glass Theatre presents What the Dickens! at the village hall, 5pm. Tickets £5 on 07711 540546.

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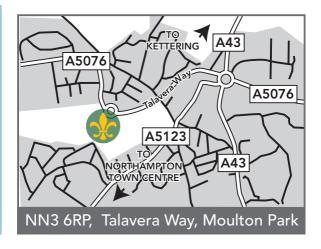




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It represents a remarkable turnaround for the company following the sorry final days of the MG Rover Group led by the Phoenix consortium, culminating in the closing of the factory gates at Longbridge in Birmingham and thousands of job losses.

The subsequent buyout by the Shanghai Automotive Industry Corporation (SAIC) meant continued small-scale production of the MG TF sports car, but more significant was the long-term investment put in place by the Chinese company - culminating in the development of the all-new model.

The MG6 is the centrepiece of the brand's relaunch, which includes a new logo, branding and a programme of almost 30 new dealerships over the next year. Most importantly, it will also tackle the

challenge of reconnecting customers with the brand. MG executives at the relaunch were keen to point out that MG remains a thoroughly British brand with British products: The MG6 has been designed and developed in the UK by mainly British talent, still working at a design facility in the heart of Birmingham.

Yet the financial and technical muscle of the parent company has also been at the centre of the relaunch. SAIC is one of the world's top 10 car manufacturers by volume and has joint agreements with industry giants General Motors and Volkswagen to develop and sell cars in China. This also promises fast development of low-emission vehicles in the future: MG says it will

have full hybrids and plug-in hybrids within two years.

But for now the hatchback and just-revealed saloon versions of the MG6 are the crucial first steps in rebuilding the reputation of MG as a car producer and a competitive brand in the UK.

MG promises that the new car will offer best-in-class driving dynamics, a high specification and excellent value for money - which are bold claims given the quality of the competition.

Despite the blind alleys of the past, there is still a great deal of enthusiasm for this classic British brand, and the coming months could see many more MG-badged cars out on the UK's roads.





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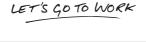
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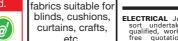
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New Cobblers boss Gary Johnson, who replaced the sacked Ian Sampson last Friday, issues directions to the Town players during Tuesday night's 2-1 defeat to Chesterfield in npower League Two

Johnson lets rip as Town slump again

GARY JOHNSON says the Cobblers squad saw a different side to their new manager as they again exposed a "soft underbelly" in Tuesday night's defeat at Chesterfield.

Town lost 2-1 to the npower League Two leaders, their third defeat on the bounce, with John Johnson's late header proving no more than a consolation.

And after the game, the hoarsesounding manager admitted he had "thrown a few hand grenades" in the away dressing room at the b2net Sta-

"It's a defeat to a team that is 11 points clear at the top of the table

and one who will definitely go up this

year," he said.
"However we showed a soft underbelly and we know we've got that. I'm not going to be able to change that within a month or two.

'We played some decent football after the first 10 minutes but we let them get into it just after half-time, we had a really soft 10 minutes.

"I was pleased because we finished strongly and that was different to the last game, and it wasn't just because

we got the goal.
"The lads have seen a different side to me because I was so disappointed we didn't get something out of the game; we worked very hard against a good side but on occasions we're soft."

Johnson handed debuts to new loan signings Nana and Jamie Reckord on either side of the back four, with John Johnson excelling as a centre-back alongside Dean Beckwith.

The new boys both got the thumbs up from the manager, who felt his team would have been more solid if they had not lost Beckwith at half-time to a groin injury.

"I gave them a few home truths after the game because they've got to improve if we're going to progress,"

he said.
"The two new lads did well for us and I was disappointed to lose Dean Beckwith at half-time because I thought he was doing OK.

"And generally I was pleased with

the way we took over the game.
"But it's another defeat and I've thrown a few hand grenades in there so when the dust settles we'll see how it all looks."

Johnson also hinted he may look to add another loan signing to his Cobblers squad in the near future.

"We can get one more in," said the Townboss.It'sjustaquestionof working out which position we're going to go for, because there are really two or three areas where we could use some-

Johnson will be hoping to claim his first win in charge when Macclesfield come to Sixfields in league two on Saturday (ko 3pm).

Russian winger signs for Saints

SAINTS have completed the signing of Russian winger

Vasili Artemiev. The 23-year-old will join Saints after the World Cup in September, and will be the first Russian to play in the Aviva Premiership. Russia were coached by

former Saints recruitment consultant Steve Diamond, and Mallinder believes they have captured a player with real potential.

At last summer's Churchill Cup Artemiev scored in all three of Russia's games, including against the England Saxons, and his effort against Uruguay helped the Bears win the Bowl final.

Mallinder said: "Vasili really caught the eye during the Churchill Cup last year when he scored three really good tries.

"He has plenty of pace, awareness and raw talent.
"He is also eager to de-

velop as a player and we're looking forward to him being a part of the squad at Franklin's Gardens."
Artemiev started his rug-

by education at Blackrock College in Ireland, where playing alongside current Irish international Luke Fitzgerald he won schools Junior and Senior Cup medals. He scored two tries for Ireland Schools against England in 2005 and his age group form won him repreentative honours for Ireland Under-19s and a place in the Leinster Academy.
But upon completing his

Bachelor of Law degree at University College, Dublin, Artemiev returned to his native Moscow to join VVA-Podmoskovie, where he has played since 2008. A full international debut for Russia came in 2009.

Saints are aiming to call a halt to their six-match Aviva Premiership losing run on Saturday when they go to Leeds Carnegie.

Mallinder's men were thumped 30-9 at Exeter last weekend.



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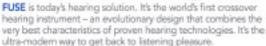
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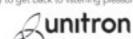
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